



TOWN OF TRURO
Conservation Commission
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Site Visits
Minutes
October 6, 2014

1:15 P.M.-met at Cobb Library Parking Lot

Members Present: Deborah McCutcheon, Peter Romanelli, Larry Lown, Linda Noons-Rose, Sarah Benjamin

Others Present: Emily Beebe, Field Inspector; Nicole Smith, Secretary

20 Mill Pond Rd: The Commission viewed the area where the bulkhead would go. There were questions regarding the wetland delineation and vista pruning.

Easement between 8 Shore Rd and 2 Pond Rd: The Commission viewed the culvert.

455 and 457 Shore Rd: The Commission viewed the two sites to check for compliance. 457 Shore Rd was deemed compliant. 455 Shore Rd still needs some cleanup.

2:45 P.M. Site visits concluded.

**Regular Meeting
December 1, 2014
6:30 P.M.
Selectmen's Meeting Room**

Members Present: Deborah McCutcheon, Peter Romanelli, Larry Lown, Linda Noons-Rose, Sarah Benjamin, Pat Pajaron-Conservation Agent, Nicole Smith-Secretary

Motion to approve the November 3, 2014 meeting minutes with corrections by Romanelli and seconded by Benajmin. The motion was approved 4-0-1 with McCutcheon abstaining.

Public Hearings:

20 Mill Pond Rd, Notice of Intent, Land and Sea Engineering for George Reichelm, SE# 75-0948:

Mark Burgess presenting. A letter dated November 21st was written in response to the issues discussed at the previous meeting. There will be no sediment or discharge into the water body. Agent Pajaron explained that marsh mats are considered temporary fill and that is why a water quality certification was asked to be done by DEP. McCutcheon said the regulations state that there will be no new coastal engineering structure unless there is imminent threat and there is no proof showing the house is in danger. There is also a question on whether the wetland delineation is correct. The maximum high tide mark is behind the current bulkhead and "fringe marsh" is not a WPA definition. The site is very well vegetated but the vista pruning that is being done is contradictory to the point of the coastal engineering structure. Mrs. Reichelm stated that they have witnessed changes. The Commission stated that there needs to be proof that no other method is feasible. Burgess asked if there is a certain erosion rate that the town would use to consider a house threatened. The work limit was staked 1' wider than necessary. There will be no net loss in vegetation. 50 cubic yards of fill will be placed behind the bulkhead at a height of 6" from the top of the bulkhead. The new bulkhead will go 1' to 15' landward of the current structure. The timbers will be exposed at 6' and a mini excavator will be used to install them. Burgess state that the bank is not a sediment source but there has been some erosion due to storms. The applicants noted that there is increased storm frequency and they are trying to prevent the bank from eroding. The Commission stated that vegetation is the best line of defense for erosion control and the fill that is placed behind the bulkhead will cause buried plants to die. A revised plan needs to be submitted that shows an accurate wetland delineation and a less lengthy structure/smaller scale project addressing the area of concern. Photos demonstrating the change in the coastal bank and proof of increase in wave action should also be submitted. Mr. Reichelm discussed doing a small demonstration structure to see how it affects erosion over the next year. **Motion to continue to the February meeting by Romanelli and seconded by Noons-Rose. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Routes 6 and 6A, South Pamet and Highland Rds, Notice of Intent, Mass DOT: Postponed.

Route 6, Request for Administrative Review/Change in Plans, NSTAR, SE# 75-0941: The bike path will go along the area where manhole covers would be. They want to modify the locations of the manholes by 2' to 10'. The conduit location will shift slightly. **Motion to approve change in plans by Romanelli and seconded by Noons-Rose. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Agenda Items:

455 Shore Rd, Compliance with Enforcement Order, Eleanor Collins: Shingles and debris are still on the property. Bobby Martin will remove the materials within the next two weeks. Owner is concerned that animals live under the shingles. McCutcheon stated there is enough natural habitat for them to use. If it is not removed by the January meeting the Commission will hire someone to do it and the owner will be

charged for the costs. **Motion to continue by Romanelli and seconded by Noons-Rose. The motion was approved unanimously.**

457 Shore Rd, Compliance with Enforcement Order, Theodore Silva: Motion to lift the enforcement order by Romanelli and seconded by Benjamin. The motion was approved unanimously.

2015 Schedule: Motion to approve the 2015 schedule by Lown and seconded by Romanelli. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposed FY 2016 Conservation Commission Budget: Motion to approve the FY 2016 budget by Romanelli and seconded by Lown the motion was approved unanimously.

Requests for Certificates of Compliance:

556 Shore Rd: Motion to approve a Certificate of Compliance by Romanelli and seconded by Benjamin. The motion was approved unanimously.

378 Shore Rd: Motion to approve a Certificate of Compliance by Romanelli and seconded by Benjamin. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Lown and seconded by Romanelli. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Smith
Conservation Commission Secretary